

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Applicant(s) : ACKERMANN, Friedrich et al.
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Title : METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DETERMINING THE TOPOLOGY
OF A MODULAR ANALYSIS SYSTEM
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Commissioner for Patents
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
AND
TRANSMITTAL OF SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.125**

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend this application to place it in better condition for examination purposes. Consideration of the present application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments below, which include, in order of appearance, beginning on separate sheets:

- Amendment to the Drawings;
- Amendments to the Specification;
- Amendments to the Claims; and
- Remarks.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 8 of this paper.